

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF PLYMOUTH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDY SESSION
FEBRUARY 4, 2020
APPROVED MINUTES**

Supervisor Heise called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kurt Heise, Supervisor
Mark Clinton, Treasurer
Charles Curmi, Trustee
Jack Dempsey, Trustee
Robert Doroshewitz, Trustee, arrived at 7:13 p.m.
Gary Heitman, Trustee
Jerry Vorva, Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dan Phillips, Fire Chief
Jeremy Shrot, Spalding DeDecker Associates
Sue Brams, Exec. Asst. to Supv.
Alice Geletzke, Recording Secretary
9 Members of the Public

B. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Tuesday, February 4, 2020

Supervisor Heise asked that No. 3, Credit Policy for Septic System Users, be taken up first under New Business.

It was moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Trustee Dempsey to approve the agenda for the Board of Trustees study session of February 4, 2020, as amended. Ayes all, with Trustee Doroshewitz absent.

C. NEW BUSINESS

1. Credit Policy for Septic System Users, *Kurt Heise and Jerry Vorva*

Trustee Doroshewitz arrived at 7:13 p.m.

Board members discussed the proposal for a \$50 yearly water credit for approximately 170 homes that are still serviced by septic systems. The amendments to the water and sewer rate schedule resulted in a modest increase for them, and several of those residents have sought relief. This would result in a cost to the Water and Sewer budget of approximately \$8,700 per year.

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Treasurer Clinton presented his objections to the credit, based on how the rates are now set in the schedule.

Board members also discussed checking with Canton and Northville Townships as to how they handle their customers who have septic systems.

Paul Mackiewicz of Ridgewood Drive spoke on behalf of the 29 residents on septic systems in his area who are now paying approximately \$60 more per year in water bill increases. He also discussed the history of work done in the area.

2. Geographic Information System (GIS) Project Update, *Township Engineer Jeremy Schrot and Scott Isenberg*

Mr. Schrot demonstrated the many features of the GIS data update and he and Scott Isenberg answered questions from the Board. Among the new features are:

- Updated parcel data base of parcel splits, combinations, and new Construction projects
- Major Consumer Energy gas lines have been added for the entire Township
- Where available, As-Built plans and Master Deeds were linked to subdivision and condo development shapefiles for easier use
- EGLE servers were linked to the data base and will provide wetland limit estimates and automatically updated known contaminated sites

3. 2020 Sidewalk Program Update, *Township Engineer Jeremy Schrot*

Mr. Schrot presented the survey of the sidewalks needing repair in the northeast portion of the Township. Need for repairs was rated from 1 to 5, depending on seriousness of the defects.

Board members discussed whether those sections with the most serious defects should be replaced or whether all should be, on a zone basis.

D. SUPERVISOR AND TRUSTEE COMMENTS – There were none.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS (Limited to 3 minutes.) - None

F. ADJOURNMENT

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Moved by Trustee Heitman and seconded by Clerk Vorva to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

Jerry Vorva, Township Clerk

Minutes approved at Board of Trustees regular meeting of February 11, 2020.